

**Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

6:30 pm Select Board's Meeting – August 19, 2013 – **Held @ Webster's Old Meeting House.**

Select Board present: Chairman Bruce Johnson, Selectman Roy Fanjoy and Selectman Mason Donovan. For observance of the last day of Old Home Week, the Selectmen were dressed in 1860's period attire.

Chairman Johnson turned the floor over to Selectman Fanjoy. Selectman Fanjoy thanked the residents for completing their 1860 Census Report. Selectman Fanjoy also thanked Reverend Edward Buxton for being the Minister of the Congregational Church. He cautioned residents who might take a walk on Little Hill because the 172nd Regiment was practicing with field artillery. He stated that there had been a few cows and sheep that had gotten in the line of fire! He asked the residents to read the newspapers to be informed because it was an election year. Mr. Abraham Lincoln will be running for President. Selectman Fanjoy concluded by informing the residents about a newfangled instrument one would put on shoes called roller skates. He voiced his concern regarding children getting injured as a result of roller skating. Selectman Fanjoy thanked the residents for attending and turned the floor back over to Chairman Johnson 200 years in the future!

The Select Board signed the following for Mrs. Larson, filling in for Judy Jones who was on vacation:

- Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the Select Board minutes of July 22, 2013 as amended; motion seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved unanimously.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Select Board minutes of August 5, 2013 as written; motion seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved unanimously.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to withdraw \$749.29 from the Webster Legal Expendable Trust Fund to cover expenses; motion seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved unanimously.
- The Selectmen signed two LUCT (Land Use Change Tax) corrections.

The Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- The Selectmen signed the July 2013 Bank Reconciliation, the Treasurer's reports and two of Mrs. Pinkham's reports.
- Mrs. Pinkham had the Salt Bids. The State of NH chose a different vendor than the Town's current vendor. The State's choice was Eastern Minerals of Lowell, Mass. Their bid was \$49.84 per ton. The next bid came from American Rock Salt of Claremont, NH which was \$59.93 per ton. The Town's vendor, Granite State Minerals, bid \$49.25 per ton. Mrs. Pinkham stated that she and Road Agent Bean agreed it would be best to remain with Granite State Minerals.

Police Chief Dupuis advised the Board of the following:

- 55 calls for service over the past two weeks with highlights read.
- Chief Dupuis informed the Board about the statistics from the Radar Trailer. They were comprised of date, start time, end time, and speed intervals. Of 327 vehicles on Battle Street, 127 were above the speed limit. Chief Dupuis passed out the printed results of the statistics to the Select Board. The Radar Trailer will be placed outside Webster Elementary School next week. Selectman Fanjoy requested the trailer be put on Pleasant Street.
- Chief Dupuis informed the Board that the person who stole money from the Town Hall last year was sentenced to 3 ½ to 7 years suspended with 10 years' probation for good behavior.

Acting Fire Chief Robert Wolinski advised the Board of the following:

- Acting Fire Chief Wolinski accepted the Select Board's promotion to Fire Chief for the Webster Fire Department. He thanked Captain "Jake" Drown for filling in for him at the last Select Board meeting.
- 10 calls for service; 8 EMS, 1 Haz. Mat. and the last one was a fire alarm activation at the Austin Home.
- Chief Wolinski stated they were planning on changing the locks on the Public Safety Building which hasn't been done in a while.
- New remotes for the doors at the PSB seem to be working well.
- Captain Drown is the Training Captain and would like to do an I.C.S. class (Incident Command System). Chief Wolinski recommended the class would benefit the Select Board, Emergency Management, and Community Department Heads. The class is sponsored by the Fire Academy. Chief Wolinski will get the dates, times and cost as soon as they are available.
- Chief Wolinski has been in contact with Dispatch regarding re-programming the Fire Department phones to give personnel the ability to text as a back-up in case their phones cut out or batteries die.
- Pre-Alerts started August 1st.
- Lt. Art Dickerman verbally resigned; he just doesn't ^{have} the time.
- Chief Wolinski stated that the department may have the opportunity for some hands on training before the demolition of an old camp on Westwind Village Road. The firefighters could simulate rescues, etc.


R. L. Johnson


R. F. Fanjoy


M. W. Donovan

- A brief discussion ensued regarding the number of Fire Department volunteers; moving money back into the Fire Chief's salary that former Fire Chief Colby had given up in the past to cover a new position in order to keep the budget flat lined. Due to the Department being down one officer now, Selectman Fanjoy would like to move that money back into the Fire Chief's line.

Chairman Johnson thanked Chief Wolinski for stepping up and taking the position of Chief. The Board felt that he was one of the best qualified people to do the job. Selectman Donovan made a motion to promote Acting Fire Chief, Robert Wolinski to Fire Chief; motion seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved unanimously. Chief Wolinski will be sworn in at a later day by the Town Clerk.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised the Board of the following:

- Road Agent Bean stated they worked on Little Hill with loads of gravel to get ready for tar in a couple of weeks.
- Beavers have returned to three different pipes in town.
- Got the calcium tank working.
- Agent Bean apologized to the Board et al for not being in the best of humor at the Select Board's meeting on August 5th. The Select Board thanked him and accepted his apology.
- Selectmen Fanjoy and Donovan thanked Mr. Bean for his work getting the Currier & Ives Byway signs and the Town of Webster sign put up.
- Selectman Fanjoy requested Mr. Bean for some gravel for an erosion area at the end of the Town Hall driveway. A brief discussion followed.
- At this time Chairman Johnson recognized Mr. John Clark, resident and member of the Currier & Ives Byway Committee. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Clark thanked Road Agent Bean for his work with the committee and for getting the signs placed along Route 127/Battle Street.

At 7:05 p.m. Chairman Johnson introduced Democratic Senator Andrew Hosmer. The Senator gave an update on the legislative session that ended June 30th. He stated the biggest task was the budget. Senator Hosmer stated the budget does not raise any taxes or create any new taxes or fees. A concern for the Senate, the House and the Governor was and is the downshifting from Concord to the municipalities throughout the State. Senator Hosmer stated the meals and rooms tax was increased by five million dollars which will result in about \$7,000.00 to the Town of Webster. He stated that there was some discussion about changing the Adequacy Allocation for the State from 105.5% to 108%. If that is passed, the projection for the Town of Webster would be an increase of \$14,000.00. The last budget resulted in an increase of about \$21,000.00 for the Town. Senator Hosmer stated there were three main issues that will be worked on in the next session: 1) Medicaid expansion; 2) roads and bridges, and 3) gambling/casino. Senator Hosmer then took questions and comments.

Chairman Johnson addressed Senator Hosmer. He stated another issue in Webster was the payment in lieu of taxes for the Blackwater Dam. The Chairman realized it was in the budget for this year, but the State of Massachusetts IS responsible for payment. Selectman Donovan asked the Senator about application procedures for dispensaries for medical marijuana and how much local influence or control will be involved with creating the application. Senator Hosmer did not know; he stated there was a lot to be done in determining how to dispense it. Selectman Donovan suggested the committee have some local representation from smaller towns. Selectman Fanjoy stated if the gas tax was increased, he would like that money to strictly fund roads and bridges, not to subsidize other line items in the budget. Senator Hosmer was in agreement.

Next, Police Chief Dupuis referred to a bill that had failed regarding keeping dedicated funds where they belong. He asked Senator Hosmer if there was any chance of bringing that bill back. The Senator stated he did not know but it would be worth looking at.

Chairman Johnson then opened up the meeting for questions and comments to the residents. Kim Fortune of Tyler Road asked the Senator about the status of Senate Bill 192 regarding infrastructure which she understood was retained in a committee. Senator Hosmer stated that he sits on the Ways and Means Committee and the Commerce Committee and was not familiar with that particular bill, but he would look into it and respond to Ms. Fortune. There were no other questions or comments for the Senator.

Old Business:

- Potential apartment at 33 Centennial Drive: Chief Dupuis stated the investigation showed there was an apartment and people living there. Chairman Johnson stated the assessor went in to the house and did not find two kitchens. Mrs. Pinkham added that the assessor said there was a wide open space inside and there was not an apartment there. A discussion ensued. Chief Dupuis will bring more information to the next Select Board meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd. The Select Board will try to find out what is allowed and what is not allowed regarding renting rooms, i.e., where money changes hands.
- At this time, Road Agent Bean brought to the Board's attention the potential of a commercial operation for the disabled on Corn Hill Road. Chief Dupuis stated they should be licensed by the State if they are providing patient care. Road Agent Bean agreed and added that they should also have approvals from the Planning Board and the ZBA to operate in Town. Chairman Johnson



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M. W. Donovan

stated this will be looked into.

- Chairman Johnson stated there also may be another possible zoning violation regarding a person registering their vehicle using the Mellen Company's address. According to Mrs. Larson, this person works at the company. Chief Dupuis will investigate further.
- The Select Board then signed the "Efficiency Statement" which had been drafted at the last Select Board meeting. Chairman Johnson stated it was not a policy, just a statement of what the Board expects from the staff in the Select Board's office at Town Hall. Along with the statement, the Board signed two notes; one for the outside door to remind the public that the office is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the other note for the back office door which will be closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These will all take effect, Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Chairman Johnson then discussed with the Board and Mrs. Pinkham about moving Mrs. Pinkham to another area which had been briefly discussed at the last Select Board's meeting. A brief discussion followed regarding proposed construction plans of extending the Tax Collector's office by walling off a section of the dining area, thereby reducing the number of seats in the dining area by twenty (20) or having Mrs. Pinkham actually share the office with the Tax Collector. The Select Board will be looking at both options, keeping in mind the costs. Chairman Johnson then recognized Barbara Corliss, one of the Supervisors of the Checklist. She had concerns about losing the office space they currently share with the Tax Collector. Road Agent Bean then suggested using part of the Select Board's conference room as office space. Chairman Johnson thanked everyone for their input.
- Chairman Johnson stated that at the 4 p.m. work session, the Board discussed the Security Outdoor Convex Mirror. The Board suggested putting in a spy scope/peephole in the outside door. The Chairman stated it would be less costly, but more importantly, the staff would be able to see people's faces. Mrs. Pinkham and Mrs. Larson were in agreement with the Board.

New Business:

- Selectman Donovan thanked Gerry and Dottie Monz, Historical Society Members, for opening up the Old Meeting House and letting the Select Board have their meeting there.
- Selectman Donovan summarized the "Town Survey" results. Overall the results were favorable. These will be posted on the Town's Website.
- Refer request for additional campsites from JMJ Resort Properties d/b/a/ Cozy Pond Camping Resort, 541 Battle Street, map 5 lot 54, to appeal to the ZBA. Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to have JMJ Resort Properties appeal to the ZBA; seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved unanimously.
- Shared Services and Legal Services RFP letter - Chairman Johnson stated that at the next Shared Services Committee meeting, they will be finalizing the Legal Services RFP letter to send out. The committee will try to pool together five (5) to ten (10) towns for legal services. By consensus, the Board agreed to be a part of the pool.
- COPART application was completed; the missing application information had been received. Selectman Donovan stated COPART will need to go before the ZBA for a Special Exception because it is a new application and it is required by law; the license is not transferable.
- Return of the Boston Post Cane due to the passing of "Dora" Young. The Board expressed their sympathies to her family.
- Veterans Memorial Flagpole Electric Account – Chairman Johnson stated the Energy Committee, in particular Jere Buckley, found out that if that account was changed from a commercial rate to a residential rate that would actually save the Town about 50% with a year-to-date savings of about \$200.00 for one year.
- Chairman Johnson gave Mrs. Larson "Thank You" letters from the Selectmen to the members of the Old Home Day Committee for her to mail.

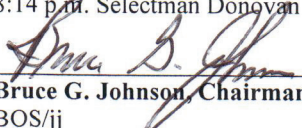
At this time, the Board opened the meeting for comments from the public. Mr. Dan Creighton approached the Board with a letter of thanks from him and his wife, Carol, for the Town moving their propane tank and stone wall due to their property survey.

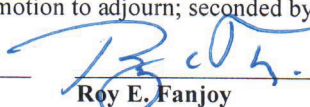
The Board recognized Mr. Tom Smith of Bashan Hollow Road. He informed the Board that COPART's trucks also use Bashan Hollow Road. He stated some of the drivers really "fly" through. He was concerned about a corner that has reduced visibility in both directions. Mr. Smith stated the road does not have a posted speed limit. He suggested a 25 MPH sign be put up and a No Through Trucking Sign. A brief discussion ensued. Police Chief Dupuis stated he would put the Radar trailer out there. Chairman Johnson stated the Board will look at the options regarding signage. Road Agent Bean also informed the Board that Bashan Hollow Road was a Scenic Road. Mr. Bean suggested putting up some Scenic Road signs. Mr. Bean added that the previous owner of Mr. Smith's property and he agreed to remove that corner. However, the Select Board at the time did not approve it. Chairman Johnson stated the Board would contact LGC. Road Agent Bean also informed the Board about a rotted culvert. Chairman Johnson thanked Mr. Smith and Road Agent Bean for bringing their concerns to the Board.

Selectman Donovan thanked Road Agent Bean and Police Lt. Mitchell for their quick response to his call about a downed tree across Roby Road last week.

Dee Blake of Clothespin Bridge Road thanked the Board for recognizing the Old Home Day Committee with their "Thank You" letters. She stated she was on that committee for 17 years and they never received "Thank You" notes.

8:14 p.m. Selectman Donovan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved unanimously.


Bruce G. Johnson, Chairman
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Roy E. Fanjoy


Mason W. Donovan